GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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HOSTING OF ASIAN GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Asian Games hosted by India so far;

(b) whether Indian Olympic Association has proposed to hold the 17th Asian Games in 2014; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) India has hosted Asian Games twice in the past. The first Asian Games were hosted in Delhi in 1951. The ninth Asian Games were also hosted in Delhi in 1982.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government has conveyed `in principle` approval to Indian Olympic Association (IOA), for submitting the bid for holding XVII Asian Games, 2014 and also indicated following : -
i) Support to holding of the Games;

ii) Guarantee of free entry to delegation of participating countries;

iii) Guarantee that the Games will be organized in accordance with the fundamental principles, objectives and other laid down rules and regulations under the constitution of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)